

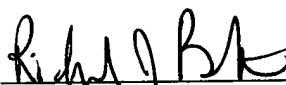
### Remarks

In the Official Action mailed May 6, 2003, the Examiner issued a restriction requirement for the above-identified application. The Examiner noted a telephone conversation with the applicants' attorney on August 23, 2002 in which the Examiner sought an oral election of claims in response to the restriction requirement. The Examiner reported that the conversation did not result in an election being made. However, according to the records of the undersigned attorney, claims 8-20 were elected. The applicants' attorney did reserve the right to traverse this restriction.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, applicants in this response hereby elect claims 8-20 and cancel claims 1-7 and 21-40 without prejudice.

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